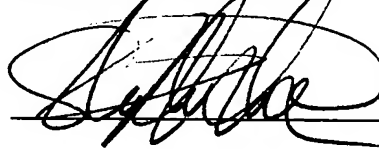


REMARKS

As the parent application is about to issue, Applicant requests a favorable examination of the present claims as they to incorporate limitation considered to be patentable in the parent application. Applicant, therefore, respectfully, requests that this application be passed onto allowance.

Date: 3/15/04

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Robert W. Strozier", written over a horizontal line.